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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

At column 1, line 25 through column 1, line 40,  
please replace the paragraph there with:

Through history, there have been many different approaches adopted to bringing buyers and sellers together, each with the key objective of permitting